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In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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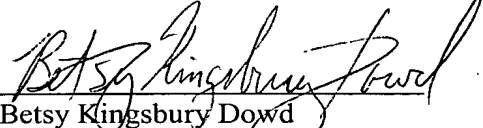
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Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 have been fulfilled, having submitted all known references in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98. Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the above-referenced application is, in all respects, complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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